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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: ENRG, IT

SUBJ: DISPUTED OIL FILDS IN OCCUPIED SINAI TERRITORY

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) OFFICIAL FALLI (CHIEF OF NORTH AFRICAN AND MEDEASTERN OFFICE) RECENTLY BROUGHT TO EMBOFF'S ATTENTION CLAIM BY AGIP (ITALIAN NATIONAL PETROLEUM COMPANY) OF ITS RIGHT TO DEVELOP OILFIELDS IN ISREALI OCCUPIED SINAI AND GULF OF SUEZ TERRITORY. AGIP'S CLAIM IS BASED ON CONCESSION GRANTED BY EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT. ISREAL HAS FAILED TO RECOGNIZE AGIP'S CONCESSION RIGHTS AND HAS RECENTLY OFFERED OIL FIELD CONCESSION IN THE OCCUPIED AREA.

2. AMOCO WAS ALSO GRANTED EGYPTIAN CONCESSION TOGETHER WITH AGIP AND EARLIER SOUGHT STATE DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ON ISSUE. STATE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM OF LAW DATED OCTOBER 1, 1976 AND ENTITLED QUOTE ISREAL'S RIGHT TO DEVELOP NEW  
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OIL FIELDS IN SINAI AND THE GULF OF SUEZ UNQUOTE CLEARLY SUPPORTS AMOCO AND AGIP VIEWPOINTS THAT ISREAL'S DEVELOPMENT PLANS ARE CONTRARY TO THE RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. STATE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM CONCLUDES QUOTE ISREAL'S RIGHTS VIS-A-VIS THE UNDEVELOPED OIL FIELDS IN OCCUPIED EGYPTIAN TERRITORY, THOSE OF AN USUFRUCTUARY, DO NOT INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO DEVELOP A

NEW OIL FIELD. UNQUOTE. FURTHERMORE, THE MEMORANDUM  
ADDS QUOTE AMOCO'S CONCESSIONS, WHETHER PRE OR POST  
1967, ARE VALID AND MUST BE RESPECTED. UNQUOTE.

3. BOTH AMOCO AND AGIP HAVE PREVIOUSLY MADE RE-  
PRESENTATIONS TO ISREALI GOVERNMENT REQUESTING RECOGNI-  
TION OF THEIR RIGHTS WHICH ISREAL UP TO NOW HAS REFUSED  
TO GIVE. AGIP HAS NOW APPROACHED ITALIAN GOVERNMENT  
ASKING IT TO INTERCEDE ON ITS BEHALF. ITALIAN GOVERNMENT  
IS INCLINED TO DO SO BUT WOULD APPRECIATE  
KNOWING CURRENT US POSITION ON IF US GOVERNMENT INTENDS  
TO INTERCEDE DIRECTLY ON BEHALF OF AMOCO. ANY INFORMATION  
ADDRESSES CAN PROVIDE PERTAINING TO THIS ISSUE  
WOULD BE WELCOMED.GARDNER

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